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REMARKS

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1. On 2 September 1953, 5 SU-100s, 5 JS-3 tanks, 2 T-34/85 tanks, about 8 trucks and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. No motor vehicle of darkness. The tanks left for Altes Lager Doeberitz.

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2. The following shipments were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station:
 At about 9 p.m. on 2 September, 3 JS-3 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 4 JSU-122s, about 10 trucks and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train had come from the direction of Neustrelitz.
 At about 10 p.m. on 3 September, 7 SSY-type flatcars, 7 flatcars, 1 boxcar, 8 converted boxcars, carrying 4 T-34/85 tanks, 1 JSU-122, 7 trucks and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train had come from the direction of Neustrelitz.

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- At about 5 p.m. on 4 September, 3 SSY-type flatcars, 1 boxcar, 9 converted boxcars, carrying 6 T-34/85 tanks, about 10 trucks and about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train had come from the direction of Neustrelitz and was dispatched by, and bound for, Unit 1.

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- On 7 September, 3 flatcars with sideracks with 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers. The shipment came from the direction of Zehdenick.

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- At about 5:30 p.m. on 9 September, Train consisting of 12 flatcars and 1 boxcar carrying 12 trucks with closed superstructure and about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All officers and EM of the shipment were drunk. The train had come from the direction of Fuerstenberg.

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- Between 2 and 9 September, Soviet officers and EM were permitted to frequent German restaurants. As most of the soldiers got drunk very quickly and subsequently indulged in excesses, the civilian population did not dare leave their homes after dark. The soldiers had to be back at the quarters at 11 p.m. They were not allowed to carry weapons. Last week, two women, one of them an SED member, were raped by Soviet soldiers.

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- On 4 September, 8 T-34 tanks were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. On 9 September, 4 tanks, 4 tanks and 5 trucks were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station.

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4. On 9 September, the Olympisches Dorf quartered only a rear detail. The quarters were being reconditioned.

5. On 9 September, the Till-Eulenspiegel Settlement was occupied to capacity.

6. On 9 September, the Adler Kaserne was occupied only by a rear unit. On 12 September, 4 [] armored scout cars and 1 jeep moved into the installation, coming from the troop training grounds.

7. On 9 September, the quarters of Unit No II in the Loewen Kaserne were occupied to capacity. Soldiers overhauled tank tracks. The quarters of Unit No I quartered about 1,100 troops on 9 September. Jeep [] left the quarters toward Doeberitz on 6 September. On 9 September, 8 T-34 tanks [] and about 400 troops equipped with submachine guns, heavy machine guns and light mortars marched out of the quarters toward the training grounds.

8. On 6 September, 14 T-34 tanks [] drove from Doeberitz toward Finkenkrug. On 11 September, 50 to 60 tanks of all types and 30 to 40 trucks and troops were seen on the training grounds. On 8 September, 6 x 76-mm AT guns, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars and trucks [] passed through Rohrbeck and proceeded toward Finkenkrug.

9. On 30 August, 4 SU-249s, 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers and 3 trucks with troops were loaded at the Dallgow railroad station for shipment toward Oranienburg. The vehicles came from the direction of the troop training grounds. The SU-249s included [] On 31 August, 8 T-34 tanks, 5 trucks and 1 repair shop truck, coming from the training grounds, were loaded at the Dallgow railroad station []

[] T-34 tanks [] SU-249 [] JS-3 tank [] 3 trucks, 1 field kitchen and about 300 troops from Neues Lager were en-trained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station on 1 September. On 2 September, T-34 tanks [] 3 JS-3 tanks including [] and SU-249 [] were detrained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. The unit moved into the quarters of Unit No I. On 3 September, troops in the area of Unit No I engaged in maintenance duty on tanks which had returned the day before. []

10. Between 30 August and 3 September, motor vehicles [] were observed at Doeberitz post.

11. Between 15 and 21 August, [] leave restrictions for officers and Soviet women in the Doeberitz area were lifted on 15 August. The troops were permitted to frequent inns in the area of Wustermark, Finkenkrug and Dallgow-Doeberitz, where they could also buy brandy in addition to beer. There were serious fights between drunk officers in Dallgow-Doeberitz on 15 August. High-ranking officers from lieutenant colonel upward participated in police controls on Saturdays and Sundays.

12. On 5 September, Altes Lager was heavily occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 10 a.m., troops engaged in maintenance duty on 12 trucks on one of the camp streets. []

13. On 5 September, Camp Hasenheidenberg was vacant and guarded by a detail of 7 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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14. Between 1 and 5 September, troops at the Doeberitz training grounds, south of Hasenheidenberg, engaged in firing practice with live ammunition with machine guns, 57-mm AT guns and 5 x 120-mm mortars. At about 4 p.m. on 2 September, 6 T-43 tanks [redacted] moved along Highway No 103 toward Doeberitz village via the road west of athletic field of Altes Lager, coming from the direction of Elstal.

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15. On 17 August a column moved through Doeberitz from the direction of Ferbitz and proceeded toward Seeburg. It consisted of 5 trucks loaded with beams, 4 trucks with pontoons, 1 truck towing a field kitchen, about 10 trucks each occupied by about 15 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets and light equipment, 2 ambulances and 8 special motor vehicles looking like pontoons turned over. [redacted]

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[redacted] Troops and vehicles were heavily soiled.

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16. At about 7 p.m. on 24 August, the following column stopped at the road barrier near Doeberitz Forsthaus (forestry administration) on Highway No 103, headed toward Elstal: 5 trucks towing 5 unidentified artillery pieces, officers and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

[redacted] The troops appeared to have come from a military post other than Doeberitz, as they were apparently not permitted to pass through the barrier.

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17. After 1 September, officers and EM wearing tunics of new cut with previous color were frequently seen in Doeberitz. The collar was low and closed and showed two black collar patches crossed by a 5-mm wide golden stripe interwoven by a white string. The blouse-like tunic had two external breast pockets but no side pockets. The back seam ended in a slit which, on both sides, was fitted with two golden buttons.

18. On 27 August, practice attacks at company level, without live ammunition, were made in the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. Three 3-axle trucks armored with steel plates protruding over the wheels and regular sidewalls practiced driving in the same area. The trucks were not fitted with arms and had no numbers. On 28 August, practice attacks at company level and with live ammunition were launched in the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. [redacted] tanks engaged in firing practice from a large distance. Signal troops practiced the construction of field cables. On 31 August, troops of Unit Kavallov (fmu) practiced driving in Olympisches Dorf. [redacted]

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[redacted] On 31 August soldiers in the billeting area of Unit Popov engaged in fatigue duty only. They painted beams and planks with a carbolic compound.

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19. On 4 September, the Loewen Kaserne was still heavily occupied. A column that left the barracks installation on 26 August and returned at about 3:30 p.m. the same day included 3 BA-64 armored scout cars, 3 armored scout cars with chain drive and 3 armored, 3-axle trucks, each mounting an artillery piece and 2 heavy machine guns. The vehicles [redacted] On 31 August, about 60 troops and 16 x 82-mm mortars moved out of the installation toward the training site south of the barracks installation and returned at about 3:30 p.m. About 30 soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the barracks area, while about 70 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises. Six 120-mm mortars were parked in front of the armory. On 2 September, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars moved out of the installation. They returned at about 2:30 p.m. On 2 and 3 September commanding officer Colonel Holoshkin (fmu) inspected 8 to 12 groups of young soldiers at close-order drill and basic training with small arms. On 3 September, about 30 soldiers from the Loewen Kaserne practiced in Rohrbeck village, wearing gas protective coveralls. The soldiers had to make a 400-meter run under the control of a stop watch. [redacted]

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20. Daily between 31 August and 4 September, troops practiced at group and, occasionally, company level in the area of Hamburger Chaussee. A large-scale exercise was conducted on 4 September. Heavy tank and artillery fire and also fire by rocket launchers was heard, while a biplane circled over the training area the whole day.

21. On 17 August, Altes Lager was still occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore tank insignia or red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Officers determined in the camp included Lieutenant Colonel Lubitski (fnu), Colonel Ignatovich (fnu), Major Maksim (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Gudzeyev (fnu). Between 10 and 17 August, troops were seen engaged in training with 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 76-mm field guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars and 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers in the billeting area. On 21 August, about 150 soldiers left Altes Lager for practices in the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee, while about 70 soldiers engaged in basic training and firing practices, and about 70 other soldiers engaged in athletic exercises, in the camp area. Between 21 and 28 August, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with insignia unknown to source were seen in the camp.

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22. An envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 20 August 1953, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from Kiyev was found in the Loewen Kaserne between 21 and 28 August. 4

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Shipments of tank units of the 1st Mecz Div from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz and vice versa, which were repeatedly reported. [redacted]

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted] indicates that the shipment on 7 September was a rocket launcher unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Train [redacted] on 9 September is believed to have carried a signal unit of the 1st Mecz Div. [redacted] date of arrival lead to the conclusion that the unit returned from the command-post exercise in the area of Mecklenburg. A tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div, which possibly came from Neustrelitz, has presumably been unloaded from the tank shipment on 9 September.

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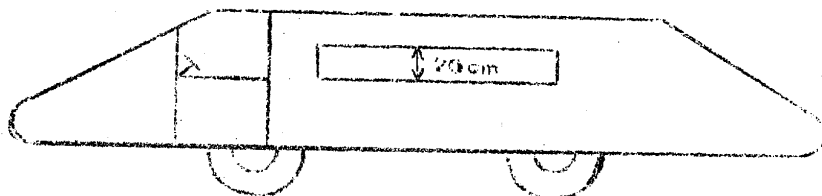
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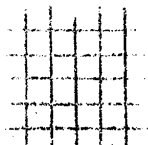
Special 2-axle motor vehicle with rubber-tired wheels and closed superstructure, presumably of sheet metal, with a hatch of about 20 cm in the middle. Personnel were seen through the hatch.

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Legend:

Unidentified insignia worn on epaulets of troops in Altes Lager.



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